Resolution to Ensure Transparency in Dining Reform

Whereas the house dining system operates with a significant deficit; and

Whereas the Division of Student Life has indicated that it seeks to eliminate this deficit; and

Whereas the Blue Ribbon Dining Committee and the Undergraduate Association Dining Proposal Committee have already submitted their final reports; and

Whereas the Institute-wide Planning Task Force’s final report has been delayed, but is forthcoming; and

Whereas it is understood that, if changes are to be made in the dining system for Fall 2010, these changes need to be decided upon by approximately March/April 2010; and

Whereas the student body at large is genuinely interested in and desires to make contributions to the Division of Student Life’s evaluation of the Dining system; and

Whereas the student body at large, as the major stakeholder in the MIT Dining system, should be continually updated on the progress of the solution-drafting process; and

Whereas the student body at large should be allowed time to review and respond to proposed changes to the Dining system before these changes become policy;

Be it resolved, by the Undergraduate Association assembled in Senate:

That the Dean for Student Life should present a green paper\(^1\) to the MIT community outlining the actions that the Division of Student Life has taken with regards to the MIT Dining system during Summer and Fall 2009; and

That this green paper should also include specific information on the policy changes that the Division is considering implementing for Spring 2010 and beyond; and

That the Dean for Student Life, between December 8th and the release of the green paper on dining, shall continue to collect feedback; and

That this green paper should be presented to the MIT community by the end of the 2010 Independent Activities Period; and

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\(^1\) a tentative government report of a proposal without any commitment to action
That the Undergraduate Association shall collect feedback on this green paper from the undergraduate student body as a whole for a period of two weeks after the paper is presented to the community; and

That all collected feedback shall be presented to the Division for Student Life by February 16; and

That the Division for Student Life should present a revised version of the green paper that clearly incorporates feedback from the undergraduate student body.

Respectfully submitted,

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